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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER  
COMPOSITION, FOAM MADE FROM  
THE SAME, AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING FOAM

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

a<sup>1</sup> 4. (Amended) A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 1, wherein said crystalline polyethylenic resin (2) has a insoluble of 10% by mass or more when dissolved in a boiling n-hexane.

a<sup>2</sup> 7. (Amended) A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 5 wherein said block copolymer (3) is obtained by hydrogenating a block copolymer whose blocks at its both ends are those represented by A shown below and whose intermediate block is that